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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 421,900 IN DECEMBER

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment decreased in December as a pre-holiday increase in Wholesale and Retail Trade was more than offset by seasonal declines in the Manufacturing and Construction sectors, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 421,900 in December. While this figure represents a drop of 500 from the November level of 422,400, it is still 3,500 higher than the December 1984 total of 418,400.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 1,400 from November to December. In addition, the current level of 119,700 is 1,000 less than the year ago figure of 120,700. In the Durable Goods category, the December employment total of 81,600 fell 1,000 from the prior month and was 300 below the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased 400 in the November-December period to a level of 38,100, and was down 700 compared to the December 1984 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job declines were recorded in Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-500 each), and Lumber/Furniture (-100). The sole factory increase was posted in Instruments (+100), while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their November employment levels. On an annual basis, the most substantial job gain occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+500), followed by advances of

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IMPORTANT REMINDER TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

Now that 1986 has arrived, the Department of Employment Security reminds Rhode Island employers of an important change in the T.D.I. program that became effective on January 1 — as well as the wages bases on which you pay both T.D.I. and Employment Security taxes this year.

- You should now be deducting the Temporary Disability Insurance tax from each worker's paycheck at the rate of 1.1 percent of the first $11,000 in wages. That's a maximum deduction of $121.00 for each employee who will earn at least $11,000 this year.
- The wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid in 1986 is also $11,000 — the same as the T.D.I. wage base. You'll be notified of your individual tax rate prior to April 1.
- Employers should remind their employees that if they worked for two or more Rhode Island employers in 1985 and earned total wages in excess of $10,400, they could be entitled to a refund of a portion of their T.D.I. deduction. Contact any DES office or call 277-3688 for additional information.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Total Placements	1,302	1,610	1,388
New Applications	2,945	2,925	3,266
New Openings Rec'd.	1,657	2,359	1,893

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	% Change Nov.1985
Initial Claims	21,557	7,915	+ 172.4
No. of Payments	49,788	38,653	+ 28.8
Amt. of Payments	$ 6,139,215	$ 4,406,964	+ 39.3
Exhaustions	968	754	+ 28.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Initial Claims	2,816	3,062	2,874
No. of Payments	23,634	23,090	18,868
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,056,659	$ 2,942,453	$ 2,330,305

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	508.0	508.8	496.3
Unemployment	22.3	20.3	26.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.0	5.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.6	4.7	5.5

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	340.5	340.9	332.7
Unemployment	12.9	12.4	15.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.6	4.6

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	138.6	138.5	137.5
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	7.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	4.9	5.6

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	42,355	42,555	39,565
Unemployment	1,460	1,225	1,200
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	2.9	3.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 18-22, 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,404	100.0
Men	5,635	54.2
Under 45	4,211	74.7
45 and over	1,424	25.3
Women	4,769	45.8
Under 45	2,705	56.7
45 and over	2,064	43.3
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	784	7.5
Manufacturing	5,090	48.9
Public Utilities	288	2.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,744	16.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	240	2.3
Service	1,664	16.0
All Other	594	5.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,744	16.8
Clerical and Sales	1,761	16.9
Service	960	9.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	112	1.1
Processing	288	2.8
Machine Trades	1,568	15.1
Bench Work	1,376	13.2
Structural Work	1,216	11.7
Miscellaneous	1,040	10.0
INA	339	3.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	421.9	422.4	418.4	- 500	+ 3,500
MANUFACTURING	119.7	121.1	120.7	- 1,400	- 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	302.2	301.3	297.7	+ 900	+ 4,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.3	13.8	12.6	- 500	+ 700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.0	14.1	13.8	- 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	93.1	91.8	91.3	+ 1,300	+ 1,800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	24.0	24.0	23.7	-	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	99.6	99.4	97.9**	+ 200	+ 1,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.2	58.2	58.4	-	- 200

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.7	121.1	120.7	-1400	-1000	$317.05	$301.35	40.7	41.0	$7.79	$7.35
DURABLE GOODS	81.6	82.6	81.9	-1000	- 300	315.43	303.97	40.7	41.3	7.75	7.36
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	3.0	2.8	- 100	+ 100	349.29	299.[illegible]	40.9	40.2	8.54	7.45
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100	395.08	371.18	41.5	40.7	9.52	9.12
PRIMARY METALS	6.1	6.1	6.1*	0	0	366.27	367.65	41.2	42.7	8.89	8.61
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.4	9.5	0	- 100	269.17	268.30	39.7	40.9	6.78	6.56
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.1*	6.1*	0	0	434.04	425.54	44.7	44.7	9.71	9.52
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.9	12.4	0	- 500	291.20	283.40	40.0	41.8	7.28	6.78
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.7	10.1	0	- 400	430.32	436.22	41.1	42.6	10.47	10.24
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	4.9	4.9	+ 100	+ 100	314.81	308.00	42.6	42.6	7.39	7.23
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.6	24.1	23.1	- 500	+ 500	255.84	228.52	41.0	39.4	6.24	5.80
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.1	5.6	5.0	- 500	+ 100	221.44	230.46	33.2	34.5	6.67	6.68
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.1	38.5	38.8	- 400	- 700	319.55	291.20	40.5	40.0	7.89	7.28
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 200	248.62	240.38	37.9	37.5	6.56	6.41
TEXTILES	10.5	10.7	10.9	- 200	- 400	321.15	306.64	41.6	40.4	7.72	7.59
APPAREL	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 100	- 100	260.89	256.20	40.7	42.7	6.41	6.00
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	278.39	270.03	41.0	41.1	6.79	6.57
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0	425.32	385.97	39.2	36.9	10.85	10.46
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 100	+ 100	414.24	416.75	41.8	42.7	9.91	9.76
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	337.90	300.44	43.1	40.6	7.84	7.40
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 100	309.25	299.07	39.8	39.3	7.77	7.61
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 100	220.64	213.15	39.4	39.4	5.60	5.41

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100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. For the twelve month period, notable job reductions were evident in Electrical Machinery (-500) and Transportation Equipment (-400). Also down from their year ago job levels were Stone-Clay-Glass and Fabricated Metals (-100 each). Employment in Primary Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery showed no change from December 1984.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile payrolls dropped 200 from the previous month, while downturns of 100 each were registered in Apparel and Chemical Products. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from last month. Compared to a year ago, employment increases of 100 each were posted in Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Plastics Products. Conversely, annual job declines were reported in Textiles (-400), Food-Beverage, Paper Products (-200 each), Apparel, and Leather Products (-100 each). Printing-Publishing employment equalled its year earlier total.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments rose 900 from November to December, largely the result of continued seasonal hiring in Wholesale and Retail Trade. The December Nonmanufacturing total of 302,200 is also 4,500 jobs above the December 1984 level of 297,700.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade continued to increase its holiday season employment, adding 1,300 more workers in the November-December period. At 93,100, this segment was up 1,800 from the same month a year ago. Overall employment in the various Service categories rose by 200 in December to 99,600, and was 1,700 above its year earlier level. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 24,000, and Government, at 58,200, remained unchanged from the previous month. Nevertheless, the former was up 300 and the latter was down 200 compared to December 1984. Although Contract Construction employment showed a monthly downturn of 500, the December total of 13,300 represents an annual gain of 700 workers. Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls, at 14,000, were down 100 for the month, but were 200 above the level recorded a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 8 cents to $7.79 in mid-December; this represents a gain of 44 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour to 40.7 hours, which was also 0.3 of an hour less than the December 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in December amounted to $317.05, representing an increase of $1.71 from last month and $15.70 compared to December of last year.

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